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Chamber to Seek Large Road Sign

Discussion at the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce board meeting Monday evening of this week centered on the lack of an adequate sign near Staley's Junction and prompted the chamber to write to the state highway department asking for a large green and white sign to be placed one-half mile east of the junction. This would be similar to other ones on the Sunset highway approaching North Plains Hillsboro and Jewell junctions.

Another topic that brought action was the continual improvement of Vernonia. The chamber directors are asking the city council to condemn the decrepit hotel buildings east of Rock Creek. It was felt they constitute a health hazard as well as a fire hazard.

Another area discussed was the Rose avenue approach from the south. Curbs would be a distinct improvement and it was felt that most property owners would be in favor of them since it would increase the value of their property and add much to the appearance of their homes.

CZ Display Moved

The Crown Zellerbach display which appeared last week at the Columbia county fair at Deer Island has been placed in the windows of the former Miller store building and may be seen there by those who did not get to the fair.

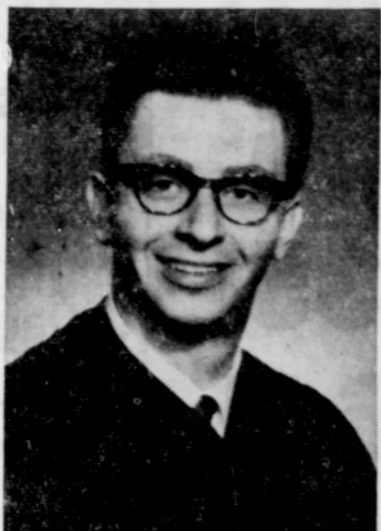


District Repairs Buildings for Year

As students trek back to schools in district 47 joint this week, they will find all buildings refurbished in preparation for the 1962-63 year. All buildings have had the regular cleaning and maintenance work, including some painting, and special projects have also been carried out.

At Mist, the school-yard fence has been painted; new storage cabinets and shelves have been built in the room to be used by grades one, two and three with

Optometrist Announces Association with Clinic



DR. DONALD H. KRAMER

Dr. Donald H. Kramer this week announced his association with the Vernonia Clinic for the practice of optometry. His practice will be devoted to all phases of visual care, he states.

Dr. Kramer has been practicing in Portland for the past two years. Prior to this period he took his undergraduate work at the University of Wisconsin where he majored in psychology. During the Korean War, he served in the army medical service corps in the neuro-psychiatric section at Fitzsimmons army hospital in Denver and Fort Belvoir army hospital near Washington D.C. After his separation from the service, he attended the Illinois College of Optometry. There he was a member of the Dean's honor roll, Tomb and Key honorary fraternity, Beta Sigma Kappa international honorary fraternity and president of the senior class.

Upon graduation, he received the clinical optometry award and the Wayne Hoffman award for the outstanding senior student. He is presently a member of the Portland District Optometric Society, the Oregon Optometric association, the American Optometric association, the American Optometric Foundation and the City Club of

Portland.

Dr. Kramer will operate between his Portland office and the Vernonia Clinic. Office hours at the clinic will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday beginning September 4.

Districts Given Support Funds

First apportionment for the 1962-63 school year from the basic school support fund—amounting to \$175,229.19—was disbursed last week to the various school districts in Columbia county, according to Ray Godsey, county school superintendent. The money comes from the Oregon State Department of Education.

Largest amount went to St. Helens district 502, \$57,501.89, with the second highest to District 47-Jt. in Vernonia, \$21,633.88.

Other districts and their amounts: Scappoose elementary, \$20,417.81; Hudson, \$2,030.40; Clatskanie elementary, \$9,808.80; Warren, \$3,970.10; Rainier elementary, \$17,018.26; Goble, \$3,918.74; Mayger, \$2,545.68; Quincy, \$3,550.33; Delena, \$4,328.55; Neer City, \$425.43; Apiary, \$570.57; UH3 Rainier, \$9,342.05; UH4 Scappoose, \$10,223.70; UH5 Clatskanie, \$7,943.00.

The apportionment is approximately 25 percent of the estimated support funds available for the county during the current school year. Three additional disbursements will be made during the balance of the year.

Results to Come

Many local persons exhibited at the Columbia county fair last week as well as 4-H clubs from the area and many awards were taken. A list was not yet available at press time this week and will be given next week when they are received.

rooms have been installed for the kindergarten and the teachers' lounge by Ed Roediger, plumber with carpenter work by Noble Dunlap; the upstairs halls have been painted, and the roof has been fixed by D. B. Sheet Metal and Roofing contractors from Portland.

The street east of the Washington school was newly paved by the city.

At the high school, the entire plant was painted by Elgus Frank. Rain gutters and down-spouts were replaced on the entire plant with the work done by Fuiten's of Forest Grove. Asphalt paving was placed in the grandstand entrance and concession areas by M and M Paving company of Cornelius. An addition was made to the Vo-Ag building by the FFA boys directed by Welcome Rumbaugh and there was a conversion of room four to a biology room with addition of sinks, shelving and biology desks.

New teachers, of which there are ten this year, met Tuesday for an orientation session with Joey W. Acaturri, superintendent. Wednesday, all teachers met for an in-service workshop which started with a breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the Washington school cafeteria.

Today, Thursday, all buildings are open for teachers to ready classrooms and materials for the start of classes. Tomorrow, Friday, all students are to register and all buildings will be open for registration, starting at 8:45 a.m. Buses will bring rural students in on regular schedule and take them home in time for lunch. Parents who bring kindergarten and primary children to the schools may take them home again after they register.

Monday, Labor Day, is a holiday, and Tuesday, September 4 will be the first full day of classes with buses operating on the regular schedule and lunches served in the Washington school cafeteria.

Revenue of Co-op Down During July

July 1962 revenue was down almost \$1300.00 from revenue in July 1961 Manager Guy Thomas of West Oregon Electric Cooperative, Inc. told the board of directors at their meeting August 21.

This was in spite of an increase in residential and farm revenue from \$14,273.00 in July 1961 to \$16,343.00 in July 1962. Average residential use climbed from 606 kwh in 1961 to 659 kwh in 1962.

Total revenue in July 1961 was \$24,891.63 while July 1962 was \$23,609.76. The all important indicator of revenue per kilowatt hour showed that in July 1961 the average revenue was 1.52 cents per kilowatt hour while July, 1962 showed a drop to 1.48 cents.

Because July is a low month the average residential revenue per kilowatt hour sold is higher than it would be for an annual average. The residential revenue per kilowatt hour reflected the July adjustment in rates. The average revenue per kwh for July, 1962 was 1.49 cents per kwh. In July, 1961 it was 1.41 cents, which was also the July 1960 figure. Ten years ago the average July revenue per kwh was 2.53 cents. This reflects a drop of 41.1% in average revenue received in the past ten years.

As a result of the decline in overall revenue for July, 1962, the cooperative showed a loss, for the month, of \$1,059.45. The primary contributor to this loss was the increased power cost to the Bonneville Power Administration, which was \$6,923.00, up almost \$1,000.00 from the \$5,929.00 bill in July, 1961. Operations and maintenance and other variable costs declined from \$9,716.26 in July, 1961 to \$8,889.70 in July, 1962.

At the same meeting the board of directors reluctantly accepted the resignation of Ed Roediger Jr. due to the pressure of business. The board will fill the vacancy in the near future.

Two major construction items were discussed. Approved was the reconstruction of three miles of line in Scoggins Valley. This line was built in 1945 and 1946 with war time material. The windstorm December 16, 1961 severely damaged the line, making reconstruction necessary.

Approval was also given for final planning on a new 7500 kwh substation for Vernonia. Peak demand on the Vernonia substation last winter was just over 5000 kwh while the station was designed for 3000 kva. Transformer design allows a certain amount of reserve capacity but additional capacity is needed to handle increased requirements of the Vernonia area.

Four File as Independents

Robert L. Welwood, Columbia county clerk, announced Tuesday that when the filing deadline was reached, two independents had filed for county commissioner, one for county clerk and one for St. Helens port district commissioner.

Those filing for county commissioner were Earl Ray of Vernonia and Walter Mathews of Mist, both of whom filed petitions with more than the required 495 signatures. Both have signed acceptances of candidacy and are assured of a place on the November ballot.

Noel L. Marshall of St. Helens filed as an independent candidate for county clerk and signed an acceptance of nomination subject to certification of sufficient valid signatures to qualify.

Art Steele of Clatskanie filed for port commissioner and signatures on his petitions had been checked and found to be sufficient and he, too, had signed his acceptance of candidacy.

Welwood reminds all county residents that now is the time to check their registration and be sure they are eligible to vote November 6. Registration books will be open until October 6 to accommodate those who are new in the county, have changed precincts or have lost their registration by failure to vote in recent elections. Also, those who have changed their names through marriage should change their registration.

Welwood also stated that the registration booth at the Columbia county fair was well received and that about 80 voters were registered.

FFA Boys Win Awards In Fair Judging Event

Three Vernonia high school students won a second place banner for their part in the county livestock judging contest held at Deer Island on Thursday, August 23. Jim Hurtado had the sixth highest total in the entire contest in competition with about 50 other boys from the ten schools taking part in this event. Other members of the team were Lloyd Johnston and Bill Pringle. Other schools participating were: St. Helens, Scappoose, Rainier, Knappa, Sherwood, Forest Grove, West Linn, Estacada, WyEast and Banks. Knappa took first place honors.

During the afternoon of the same day Ralph Anderegg and Jim Hurtado took a total of six first place ribbons showing the chapter sheep-chain animals recently acquired from Oregon State university and Floyd Edwards of Corvallis. These 16 animals were purchased with money donated by Sears-Roebuck and are to be kept by the boys for the purpose of learning sheep husbandry along with introducing high quality livestock in the community. All offspring and wool are to be kept by the individuals keeping the flock with the only stipulation that they return the original animals or a like amount at the end of the year for rotating to another boy or boys. In the past years the local FFA chapter has had a Hampshire sheep chain but they recently disposed of it and acquired a Suffolk sheep flock to replace those formerly owned.

On the last day of the county fair Ralph Anderegg went on to

win the sheep showmanship contest in the FFA division and then later on proceeded to walk away with the county FFA crops and weeds identification contest.

Jim Hurtado and Ralph Anderegg also combined efforts to win second place in the county FFA herdmanship award for the outstanding chapter exhibit in livestock. Scores for this event were tabulated on the basis of how well the boys presented and kept up the condition and cleanliness of their animals.

In the field of farm crops exhibits, Jim Hurtado won a blue ribbon for his exhibit in forestry conservation; Larry Oblack and Bill Pringle won third place for their exhibits in soil conservation and land management.

During the past two weeks, the local FFA advisor, Welcome Rumbaugh, has taken several groups of boys to the Clatsop county fair in Astoria and to the Tillamook county fair to take part in competition between the various schools in those areas. Boys participating in these events were: Jim Bellingham, Bill Pringle, Larry Oblack, Lloyd Johnston, Gary Johnston and Doc Fuquay.

On Friday of this week, Gary Johnston and Ralph Anderegg will be taking part in the State FFA crops and weeds judging contest in Salem. The next day, these boys, together with Lloyd Johnston, Bill Pringle, Jim Hurtado and Fred Skidmore will be participating in the state livestock and dairy judging contest.



WELCOME RUMBAUGH, extreme left, FFA instructor at Vernonia high school, is shown with his chapters livestock judging team which took second place at the Columbia county fair. They are, from left, Lloyd Johnston, Bill Pringle and Jim Hurtado. Knappa high school took first place honors. (William E. Durant photo)

Omar Poynter Taken by Death

Omar Poynter, 80, who had lived on his present farm home on Keasey Route since 1920, passed away in Portland very suddenly Sunday morning while visiting at the home of his daughter for the week end. His death was attributed to a heart attack.

Funeral services for him will be conducted today, Thursday, August 30, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Christian church with arrangements entrusted to Fuiten's Chapel in the Hills Mortuary, Vernonia.

The Rev. Bruce Roebrts, the church pastor, will officiate at the services with Mrs. Frank Serafin serving as soloist accompanied by Mrs. Lloyd Thomas as organist. Lodge rites at the services will be under the auspices of Vernonia Lodge No. 246 I.O.O.F. Concluding rites and vault interment will be at the Idlewild cemetery at Hood River at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Poynter was a native of Bath county, Kentucky where he was born July 24, 1882. He spent his early years there and as a young man came to the Hood River area where he worked in the logging industry. After his marriage he moved to Portland and continued in the logging industry in the Northwest.

In 1919 he was one of a group of men who took the contract to clear the right of way for the railroad to come into Vernonia

and he moved his family here a short while later. After the railroad employment, he worked for many years for the Koster Wood Products logging division. From 1939 until its closing he worked at the Oregon-American mill in Vernonia. He had always enjoyed living here and took pride in the outdoor sports of hunting and fishing.

He was united in marriage at Vancouver, Washington on February 10, 1939 to Eva Tindall who survives. Also surviving are his three daughters, Mrs. Herbert (Leatha) Peterson, Oakland, California; Mrs. Virgil (Myrna) Drorbaugh, Yucca Valley, California and Mrs. George (Gwendolyn) Blanton, Portland; two step children, Mrs. Lyle (Betty) Hildreth, Portland and Robert Tindall, Newport; eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Club to Start Play

The Vernonia Men's Golf association will start club championship play at the Vernonia golf club next Saturday according to Gordon Reed, course owner. Members should call the club as soon as possible to ascertain with whom they are matched.



MRS. LAURA CARMICHAEL took sweepstakes honors and the trophy for best of fair in crochet division with her hairpin lace afghan in shades of rose yarn. Her afghan had taken a blue ribbon at the local fair during the Jamboree. It is now entered in state fair competition.